II. <u>Listing of Claims</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A plug connector (1) for fluid conduits, comprising a housing part (2) with a plug socket (4) for the fluid-tight insertion of a tubular plug-in part (6), a holding element (14) for locking and a fluid seal (16) for sealing the inserted plug-in part (6) being arranged in the plug socket-(4), and the housing part (2) being in two parts comprising a base part (24) and an insert part (28) which is connected to the latter base part via a snap-action positive fit connection-(26), characterized in that the base part (24) for its part is likewise in two parts comprising a receiving part (60) for the holding element (14), the fluid seal (16) and the insert part (28) and a joining part (62) for the joining connection of the housing part (2) to a fluid conduit.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the receiving part (60) and the joining part (62) are connected to each other via an in particular circumferentially closed a snap-action positive fit connection-(64).
- 3. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in claim 1—or 2, characterized in that wherein an annular gap (66) between the receiving part (60) and the joining part (62) is sealed off in a fluid-tight manner via a seal (68).

- 4. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that claim 1 wherein the receiving part—(60), with a consistently identical configuration, can be connected to different, adapter-like a plurality of different configurations of the joining parts (62) part according to choice.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein the receiving part (60) consists is formed of plastic material and the joining part (62) in particular consists is formed of metal.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the holding element (14) is designed as a slotted, radially elastic clamping ring which interacts with an internal cone (18) in the plug socket (4) to lock the plug-in part (6), the internal cone (18) being formed in the insert part (28).
- 7. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the fluid seal (16)-is arranged in an annular chamber (70) between one of the base part-parts (24) or the receiving part (60) and the insert part-(28).

- 8. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in ene of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that claim 1, wherein first of all the holding element (14) for locking the inserted plug-in part (6) and then—the fluid seal (16) are arranged within the plug socket—(4), as seen in the plug-in direction (12) starting from a dirt seal (10) on the a mouth side, with a leakage path being formed in such a manner that, in a pre-locking position of the plug-in part—(6), which position is locked by the holding element (14) but is not yet sealed via the fluid seal—(16), a physically perceptible leakage which path for fluid within the housing part is delimited in a defined manner is ensured.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that wherein the leakage path is formed by depressions (40) which are arranged on the outer circumference (38) of the plug-in part (6) and, in the pre-locking position, are arranged firstly in two groups including a first group in the region of the fluid seal (16) and secondly further in a second group in the region of the dirt seal (10).
- 10. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that wherein the depressions (40) are arranged in the two groups of in each case comprise a plurality of depressions (40) which are distributed over the circumference and are spaced apart axially via a cylindrical fluid-sealing section-(42).

- 11. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in claim 10, characterized in wherein that, on the side opposite the fluid-sealing section (42), a cylindrical dirt-sealing section (46) adjoins the depressions (40) which are situated away from a front plug-in end (44) of the plug-in part (6) and are assigned to the dirt seal (10).
- 12. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 9 to 11, characterized in that claim 9, wherein the depressions (40) assigned to the fluid seal (16) start from the front plug-in end (44) of the plug-in part (6).
- 13. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 9 to 12, characterized in that claim 9, wherein the depressions (40) each have an elongate, in particular approximately generally rectangular shape oriented in the plug-in direction (12).
- 14. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 9 to 13, characterized in that claim 9, wherein an the axial center distance (A) between the depressions (40) corresponds at least approximately to the an axial distance (B) between fluid seal (16) and dirt seal (10).
- 15. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in one of claims 1 to 14, characterized by claim 1 further comprising means (VDS) for securing the inserted plug-in part (6) against rotation about the a plug axis.

16. (Currently Amended) The plug connector as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the means for the rotational securing (VDS) of positive fit elements (72) are formed in such a manner that the individual parts can be fitted axially but are secured against rotation relative to one another.